

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-mentioned application is hereby requested in view of the above amendments and remarks which follow.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) in that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The Examiner indicated that the feature of claim 8 that the "gland body comprising two or more gland body parts that are hingedly secured one to another" and the claim 9 feature that "a fastener for selectively fastening the gland body parts in the angular configuration" needs to be shown in the drawings or the features canceled from the claims.

Applicants, in paragraph 102 had previously indicated that the gland body 11 may comprise a series of hingedly interconnected arcuate members that are hingeable from a discontinuous non-angular configuration, etc. Applicants have amended paragraph [0102] and at the same time have added a replacement drawing sheet 1/3, which includes a new Fig. 1A which shows diagrammatically hinges 40 and open end 41 and a fastener at 42. Thus, Applicants' paragraphs [0102] and [0103] refer to Fig. 1A and to the diagrammatical representation of the hinges 40, open end 41 and fastener 42 and therefore includes the features of both 8 and 9. Given its original disclosure, Applicants believe that no new matter is being submitted herewith.

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 11, 14 and 15 for a number of informalities, and the Examiner's suggested language has been incorporated into the amended claims herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Ance, U.S. Patent 3,569,608. The Examiner, however, indicated that claims 5 and 6 were objected to and Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5 and have added new claim 17 which includes the limitation of objected to claim 6. Applicants now, therefore, believe that claims 1-3 and 6-20 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request early passage thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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